

Dear Vickie and Jim,

We had a happy birthday for dad tonight. I baked a chocolate cake and put 21 candles on it and we had steak and baked potatoes.

Then we had a bridge game with Mary and Mike and they won ten cents from us.

Dad thought it was really nice that you called him Jim. He said I wanted to be the one to do all the talking but he was really pleased to hear from you. Thanks again.

Tomorrow morning Mary and I are going to a baby shower for Kim's girl friend Judy she is expecting twins. Kim is giving the shower and her mother is here from Calif. so Kim wanted me to come, so I am. We are going to Trigge for New Years Eve tomorrow night.

Your trip to New York was

really few I know. The first time I got to New York City Dad and I were in Hackettstown, N Jersey, just a few miles from New York City. I was so excited I could hardly stand it. We drove in through the Holland Tunnel and rode the subways, but we didn't see all the places you did. Then we came through it a couple of times but didn't stay there.

Our trip back there in the spring is really a big thing. I hate to stop in Minneapolis but we have a lot of good old friends there and they are all planning a get-together. Just think of seeing people you haven't seen for almost twenty years. We were all young together. The men don't change but the women sure do. We can't say just when yet because it depends upon dad's job. They

Very pretty busy and dad got
a \$1,500.00 bonus so things
aren't going badly.

Cheers:

I am home from the shower
now. Bernie come over and
got left.

Happy New Year.

Love,
Mom.